

Wardle Society

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 6th October 2011

Present: Jane Rickards (Chair), George Caygill (Vice Chair), Eddie Rogers (Sec), Chloe Nelson, Sylvia Lear (Treasurer), Steve Barlow (Minutes Sec. & Web Site), Barbara Fitzsimons, Cllr. Ashley Dearnley, Peter Thwaite, Beryl Wright and Carolyn Gibson.

Apologies: Cllr. Janet Darnbrough and Ted Bolton

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct.

Police Report: There was no-one representing the Police at the meeting, and no apologies for non attendance received.

Eddie provided the meeting with the latest crime statistics for the Wardle Area that he had obtained from www.police.uk

Burglary	1
Anti Social Behaviour	6
Robbery	-
Vehicle crime	-
Violent crime	2
Other crime	3

Treasurers Report: Sylvia advised the meeting that although Subscriptions were now due for 2011-2012 she still had quite a few 2010-2011 members who had not yet renewed their subscription.

Sylvia told the meeting that she would be providing these people with a copy of this meeting's minutes and a membership renewal form.

Sylvia also provided the report shown below:

TREASURER'S REPORT 6.10.11

Deposit account:	1217.46	Balance at 1.9.11	1326.83
Current account	20.05	Income: Interest	<u>0.08</u>
Cash on hand	<u>36.27</u>		1326.91
		Expenditure: Flowers (Janet) 10.00	
		Steve Barlow (website) 43.13	<u>53.13</u>
Total	<u>1273.78</u>		<u>1273.78</u>

Planning: George informed the meeting that he had received another letter informing him that the Casey Group would be starting work commencing the 10th October, demolishing the dangerous ex-Canteen Building located on the old Isherwoods Tannery site and also removing any asbestos on site.

Wardle Society Web Site: 45 'hits' to the website this month, taking the total to 1466

Public Footpaths: Nothing to report

Law Flats Footbridge: There is no change in the lack of progress in replacing the Law Flats Footbridge

United Utilities (UU) Substations: Eddie (Sec) reported to the meeting that he emailed his contact at UU thanking them for the work done, but also reminding them that the rear of the Shaftesbury Drive site was still overgrown with weeds and very unsightly.

Pennines in Bloom: Because Ted had previously given his apologies for his non-attendance at this meeting, he was therefore unable to report on the 'North West in Bloom' results.

Eddie (Sec) was asked to send a thank you to the RMBC person/s who had replaced the Wardle Community Notice Board flower/bedding plant container.

Wardle Recreation Ground: Cllr. Ashley Dearnley had received an email from Mark Widdup, Service Director Operational Services, RMBC Environmental Management, saying the new tyre swing would be being fitted in the next couple of days – this in fact has now been done. He also said the gate stop had been replaced on 3 occasions due to persistent vandalism, and if we require further information we should contact Gary Green on 01706 922074.

Iain Bentley last week let the Society know by email that a proposal was submitted to Pennines Township Fund Sub-Committee for £4,590 for a further gate repair, new stainless metal slide, a new bank of 4 swings, and a new safety surface where damaged - this was provisionally agreed but is subject to a 10 day challenge period.

Horse & Rider Signs: The Horse & Rider Signs have still not been fitted – the situation will be monitored..

Community Clean-Up Project: It was decided that this project would be reviewed again in Spring 2012

Wardle Recreation Ground - Green Gym Project: Nothing further to report

Wardle Countryside Gateway Project - Moorend Development Trust: George gave a verbal report on the meeting he had attended with Jason Addy and Iain Bentley, where they met Helen Winn and Janet Marshall from Inspired Spaces to discuss the Wardle Gateway.

Inspired Spaces are keen to try to do some Gateway works on the back of the BSF build at the secondary school. Iain has supplied the background report to all attendees as agreed. Helen is to arrange a meeting with a funding officer from the Council, based on a previous meeting she has had, before we can take the project forward.

It was agreed if the school are happy for Inspired Spaces to go ahead then the school section of the route can be started ASAP; the more complex land ownership further down the valley can be negotiated and funding sought later through the combined efforts of the Society, land owners and Council Depts (e.g. Township, Env Man Depts, Section 106).

AOB:

Knowl Syke Street – Street Light: George reported to the meeting that a Street Light on Knowl Syke Street had recently been damaged by a motor vehicle. The damaged Street Light has been removed and replaced by United Utilities with a new Street Light, but as yet, it is not back in working order.

The meeting thought that it was too early on at this stage for Wardle Society to get involved, but would monitor the situation.

Wardle Tourism Board: Iain Bentley has let Wardle Society know by email that there is an option to replace the posters on the Wardle Tourism board, but one still needs to be the "Rochdale" design whilst the second can be a "local Wardle" design. This can be funded by the embryonic Pennines Tourism Business Group, if we combine the design and print with other poster replacements on the Littleborough tourism boards.

Tim Nuttall and Iain Bentley can't find the previous Wardle graphics, so wanted to ask the Society for suggestions or content to design a Wardle local tourism poster. Tim would need to have the final say on the design and content, from a Tourism point of view.

The meeting had no specific thoughts regarding a 'local Wardle' design but thought that either the Wardle and Smallbridge History Group or Wardle Art Group may have a valued input. Steve was asked by the meeting to pass on the details to both groups.

Pennines Green Infrastructure Action Plan: The proposed Plan is being produced by Paul Lewis (RMBC Planning Officer – Infrastructure) and an outline of what the plan will be and how it will be delivered etc etc was circulated to all our members by email ([see here](#)) in September. This was discussed by the meeting and Jane also read out a draft copy of the Middleton Green Infrastructure Plan.

It was decided to ask Jane to invite Paul Lewis to our next meeting in November so he could personally present the Plan's outline to the Society.

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 3rd November 2011 - 7pm at the Globe Inn

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